

REMARKSI. Status of the Application

- Claims 97 to 142 are pending in the above-identified application, of which claims 97, 104, 111 and 116 are independent.
- Claims 97 to 120 are amended.
- Claims 16, 57, 67, 83, 91 and 94 are cancelled.

Accordingly, entry of the amendments and the new claims is respectfully requested. Applicants have amended the claims to recite particular embodiments that Applicants, in their business judgment, have determined to be commercially desirable at this time. The claim amendments have not been submitted for any reason relating to patentability, such as to overcome any one or more of the Examiner's rejections.

Indeed, Applicants believe that the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* showing to support any of the Examiner's rejections and, as such, Applicants intend to pursue the subject matter of the previously presented, and of the previously or currently cancelled claims, in one or more continuing applications.

II. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 16, 57, 67, 83, 91 and 94 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, alleging the claims are indefinite.

The Examiner has not made a *prima facie* showing that any claims are indefinite. Moreover, the Examiner's §112 rejections are moot in light of Applicants' amendments to the claims, which were made for separate reasons. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

III. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejected claims 97, 98, 102-105, 109-112, 116 and 117 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 alleging that the claims lack a tangible result.

The Examiner has not made a *prima facie* showing that any claims lack a tangible result. Moreover, the Examiner's §101 rejections are moot in light of Applicants' amendments to the claims, which were made for separate reasons. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

IV. The Dependent Claims

The dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons as the claims from which they depend. Applicants submit that the dependent claims are patentable for additional reasons. While deemed unnecessary to argue these additional reasons at this time, given the arguments presented above, Applicants reserve the right to present such argument, including the interpretation of any terms of the claims, should it become necessary or desirable to do so.

VI. Conclusion

For the above reasons, Applicants submit that the pending claims are patentable over the references cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (857) 413-2056 to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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